

Sec. 21. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever the said corporation by any of its agents, or any person that is desirous to insure property with the said corporation, shall present to the register of the county wherein such property is situated such a memorandum, certified either by such clerk or by such justice of the peace as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of such register to receive the same, endorse on said memorandum the day on which it is presented and delivered to him for registration, and immediately to register the same with such certificate, and return the same after registering it to the party that presented it, upon his request, taking as his fee for registering the sum of forty cents; and in case the said register shall fail to comply with this provision he shall be liable in like manner as for his failure to comply with the provisions of the 26th section of 37th chapter of the revised statutes.

Sec. 22. *Be it further enacted,* That in all proceedings in law or equity, the registry of such memorandum, or the copy thereof certified by such register shall be received in evidence in behalf of or against the said corporation in like manner as the original memorandum, except where upon affidavit, a variance between such original and the registry is asserted to exist, and notice has been previously given to produce the original, in which case the original shall be produced or its absence accounted for by the said corporation.